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Film Screening & Two Author Talks Coming Up at Carter Library "An African Election" Documentary on April 26th

Atlanta, GA. – The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and The Consulate General of Switzerland in Atlanta invite you to a free screening of "*AN AFRICAN ELECTION*," a documentary film by Jarreth Merz on Thursday, April 26th at 6:30pm in the Carter Museum Theater. Following the screening, Merz will answer questions about his film.

Raised in Ghana, Switzerland, and Germany, Jarreth Merz is a filmmaker and actor. His latest documentary, *An African Election*, follows the 2008 presidential elections in Ghana, West Africa from start to finish. The film looks behind-the-scenes at the complex, political machinery of a third world democracy struggling to legitimize itself to its first world contemporaries. At stake in this race are the fates of two political parties that will do almost anything to win. Kenneth Turan from the Los Angeles Times writes "What is finally most compelling about this film is the sense it gives of how passionately the citizens of Ghana believe in democracy, how much it means to them."

The following week, we will have two author readings at the Carter Library. On Monday, April 30th at 7:00pm, nationally syndicated columnist Rheta Grimsley Johnson will talk about her wonderful new book *Hank Hung the Moon...and Warmed Our Cold, Cold Hearts*. It is more of a musical memoir than a biography of singer Hank Williams. Winston Groom, author of *Forrest Gump* says "In parts as mournful as a lonesome whippoorwill and in others as joyous as good fun on the bayou, Rheta Grimsley Johnson's *Hank Hung the Moon* is a fresh, deeply personal examination of how the music and life of Hank Williams continue to resonate in the soul of not just country music, and not just the South, but our American character."

On Wednesday, May 2 at 7:00pm, author Imran Ahmad will discuss his life as told in the memoir *The Perfect Gentleman: A Muslim Boy Meets the West.* At the age of one, Imran Ahmad moved from Pakistan to London, growing up torn between his Islamic identity and his desire to embrace the West. Join Imran in his lifelong struggle against corruption and injustice, and as he grapples with some of life's most profound questions.

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